

House Resolution No. 329

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State businesses that admirably broaden and deepen the economic foundations of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Lang Jewelers of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a family business that was founded in 1916 by N.S. Weiler; and

Whereas, on February 1, 2008, Lang Jewelers will enhance its already impressive record of achievement when it receives the Small Business of the Year award from the Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, originally a watch sales and repair business, Lang Jewelers was purchased by Weiler's apprentice, Hugo, after the unexpected death of the founder in 1916; and

Whereas, Hugo Lang soon established himself as a successful businessman and active community member with the assistance of his wife and, after World War II, his two sons; and

Whereas, when the need for a bench jeweler became apparent, Lang Jewelers embraced a third generation family member, Roger, who joined the business following his graduation from Southeast Missouri State University, National Guard basic training, and Gem City College in nearby Quincy, Illinois; and

Whereas, a facilities renovation in 2003 was interrupted by Roger receiving orders to active duty, but his wife and friends all pitched in to keep the business going and to complete the renovation in 2004; and

Whereas, members of the Lang family business continue to emphasize community service by joining school boards, the police auxiliary, civic clubs, the Chamber of Commerce, the National Guard, and other organizations and civic-betterment agencies, including the Main Street program that eventually led to what is now known as Old Town Cape:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Lang Jewelers and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon their family business receiving the Small Business of the Year award from the Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Lang Jewelers of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Scott A. Lipke
District No. 157

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 329, adopted January 30, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker